

Knocks the Normal.

In Monday's Journal appears a letter purporting to have been written by a school director of twenty years standing, and some lying, dated at Independence Jan. 29. It is evidently the work of one who has a bad case of mal-assimilation and it is further evident that the place in nature that he is trying to fill is entirely too large for him. He says that his district has never had a normal graduate for a teacher that was any too good. That isn't what the normal is trying to turn out, only those that are just good enough. He says the last one from the normal was a fright, but he came with recommendations sufficient to give him a situation in the Custom House, which no doubt he found the school to be—a bad custom house.

We have generally found that where there is a kick from this kind of individual that there was something wrong at home, for no board of directors would stand for such a teacher as this individual claims his district has been burdened with. It is quite likely that he has wanted a friend to have the school and when his wants were not gratified by the remainder of the board he takes out his spite on the poor old normal, who has born up under such a heavy burden for the past two years. This person is evidently hitting the proposed high school movement for he classes the normal as a high school and says that we have more than enough already. He also says that there were children that did not have a lesson in a week and others that did not have more than two lessons in arithmetic in three months. Now honestly was the teacher to blame for that? They may have been this directors children, in which case we would suggest that perhaps it was a matter of heredity; such extreme dullness not being usual in ordinary children. He further says that instead of so many high schools, there should be more grades added to the public schools. This would be all right, but where is he going to get teachers for his extra grades if he does away with the normal schools?

But what's the use of wasting time on such dislocated molecules anyway? We have grave doubts of there having ever been a normal graduate employed in the district. With his cry of being taxed to death it is hardly likely that he would ever consent to paying a teacher of even second rate ability and perhaps there are others on the board of directors as niggardly in money matters, which would render it impossible for a teacher to get more than starvation wages, so nothing but the poorest would accept employment there. There certainly never was a Monmouth Normal graduate employed there for they can get positions in good schools where the children are bright and learn rapidly and with reasonably good salaries.

Sunny Slope School

School report of Sunnyslope, district No. 49, for month ending Jan. 22, '09.

No of days taught during month—15.

Whole number days attendance—125.

Number of days absent—8.

Number of times late—3.

Number of pupils neither absent or late—4.

Average number of pupils belonging—9.

Average daily attendance—8 and one-third.

Per cent of attendance—92 and sixteen-twenty-sevenths.

Number of visits by parents—1
Number of visits by school board—1.

Names of those neither absent nor late were: Minnie Wunder, Lennie Fishback, Ammon Pitzer and Lunda Pitzer.

Ida Mae Duignan, teacher.

Monmouth Loses to Chemawa

The Monmouth girls lost their first game of the season at Chemawa Friday night by the score of 12 to 7. The team was very evenly matched for you can figure the team playing on their home court having the advantage of from 5 to 10 points because of being accustomed to their own floor.

Owing to examinations during the week, the girls only received one nights practice and were defeated by the lack of endurance to play twenty minute halves, which caused their defeat just the last few minutes of the game. The first half ended in Monmouths favor 6 to 5. Coach Craven stated that it was very hard to officiate during the game as there were about 350 or 400 Indians packed in the gym keeping up a continuous uproar loud enough to drown the tones of a steamboat whistle. We will turn the tide when Chemawa comes to Monmouth. Friday afternoon the team will leave for Astoria to play there Saturday night.

A Correction Corrected.

In a recent issue of the Monmouth Herald it was noticed that an attempt was made to correct what was considered, by the Senior President a misrepresentation of the Freshman banquet given in honor of the Senior class.

In the first place I will say that the correction is entirely out of place, as it is a matter pertaining only to the school and the students thereof, and in no way concerns the public in general. Secondly, the majority of the members of his own class will not substantiate the statements made by him, and thirdly the President of the Freshman class positively denies the giving of any such information as was reported.

In way of explanation I will say that a committee had been appointed in which all the powers of the class were vested and consequently by this committee all invitations were extended.

Ray W. Chute.

Buena Vista.

Ralph Hall visited the Legislature at Salem one day last week.

Messrs. Hall and Richardson were Albany visitors last Monday and Tuesday.

Abe Porter has rented a place across the river and moved his family over on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Sherman county, are visiting with his parents of this place.

Messrs. Black and Wells have opened up a very neat meat market in a part of the I. O. O. F. building.

Rev. Launer is conducting revival meetings in the Evangelical church this week, and is receiving good attendance.

Miss Belshe, who has been sick for some time, was taken to her home at Monmouth last Saturday, and word has been received that she is steadily improving.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. J. K. Neal entertained his Sunday school class at his home. Many games were played after which light refreshments were served. At a late hour all departed with the feeling that they had been exceedingly well entertained.

Independence School Notes.

Miss Madge Groves visited in Dallas last Monday.

Miss Ora Clark was a visitor in the 8th grade on Monday.

Miss Frieda Moseman has been ill, but is able to resume her studies in the High school.

The pupils of the I. H. S. are preparing for an entertainment Friday, Feb. 12, in the Opera house.

Miss Allie Bramberg, a graduate of the High school last year, is taking a review of the eight grade.

Maurice Butler and Emerson Groves attended the commencement exercises in Monmouth Monday evening.

Prof. Kirk is giving some talks on Mt. Hood and the San Francisco Earthquake to the Physical Geography class.

Madge and Emerson Groves have at last succeeded in crossing the river after the snow storm. They were caught on the eastern side of the river and were compelled to remain until the water fell.

The Literary society of the High School elected the following officers at a business meeting, Jan. 29. Pres., Madge Groves; Vice Pres., Ruby Earhart; Sec., Frieda Moseman; Serg. at Arms, William May; Critic, Beulah Bramberg.

Telephone Meeting.

At the annual stockholders meeting of the Luckiamute Rural Telephone Co. the following were elected as a board of directors, W. E. Hewitt, of Airlie, J. J. Thurston, of Suver, G. G. Hewitt, P. C. Bush and O. A. Wolverton, of Monmouth.

The new board elected officers as follows, President, W. E. Williams, Vice president, J. J. Thurston, Secretary and Treasurer, O. A. Wolverton.

This company has arranged a new plan for keeping up its lines by dividing in districts and having one man to keep the line in repair in his particular district. In this way the line will be kept in perfect repair and give the best of service to its patrons.

Additional Locals.

Miss Louise Huber left Saturday for her home in Beaverton.

Miss Mabel Ellis is visiting relatives and friends in Dallas this week.

Miss Fannie Fisher has returned to take up her work in the Normal.

Mrs. Alpha Wilson went to Dallas Tuesday for a visit with her parents in that city.

Miss Margaret Hodge, of Independence, visited Miss Mabel Ellis the latter part of the week.

Walter Smith and Shalor Eldredge, of Independence, attended the Junior-Sophomore reception.

Miss Myrtle Parker, of Salem, attended the Junior-Sophomore reception. She was the guest of Mrs. O. Butler.

The ground hog failed to see his shadow on the second and we ought to have an early spring if there is anything in popular legend.

The basket ball game Saturday night promises to be an interesting one. It will be between the Normal boys and the Philomath college boys.

Miss Lelia Spencer has gone to her home in Antelope after a very successful half years work in the Normal. She expects to return this fall.

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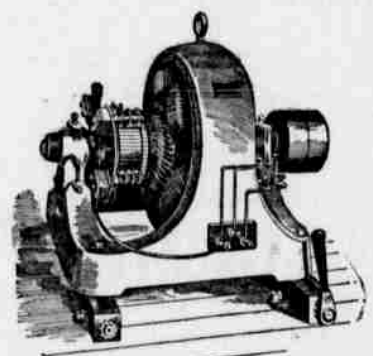
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The warm weather of the past few days has started vegetation and it will not be long until we can have fresh green stuff from the garden.

Miss Ethel Laidlaw left on Tuesday's train for Portland where she will remain until after the State examinations. She was accompanied by Miss Emma Pettit.

Pendleton Tribune: With a nine-foot sheet on the bed according to the proposed Oregon law, a man who snores ought to furnish an unlimited quantity of sheet music.

A Lake county stockman believes that artesian water in plenty can be obtained anywhere on the desert and the faith within has impelled him to go to big expense to test the matter. If he succeeds, others throughout the country will be inclined to resort to artesian wells for water for domestic use, and for purposes of irrigation.



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